



How to change spark  
plugs on **VW Passat  
Variant (33B)** –  
replacement guide

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### **i Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

VW Passat Variant (33B) 1.8, VW Passat Variant (33B) 1.8 Syncro

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

This tutorial was created based on the replacement procedure for a similar car part on: VW Polo Hatchback (6N1) 1.0

## REPLACEMENT: SPARK PLUGS – VW PASSAT VARIANT (33B). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- High-temperature anti-seize lubricant
- Torque wrench
- Spark plug socket # 21
- Ratchet wrench
- Long nose pliers
- Phillips Screwdriver
- Microfibre towel
- Fender cover

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Replacement: spark plugs – VW Passat Variant (33B). Tip from AUTODOC:

- The replacement procedure is the same for all spark plugs.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

## REPLACEMENT: SPARK PLUGS – VW PASSAT VARIANT (33B). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

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Open the hood.

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Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.

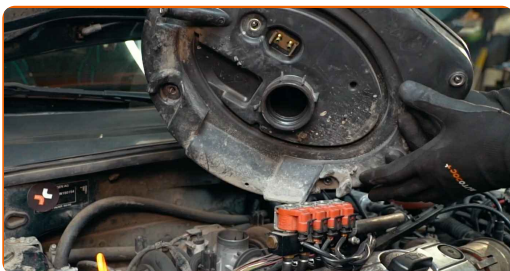
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Unscrew the air filter housing fasteners. Use a Phillips screwdriver.



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Remove the air filter housing.



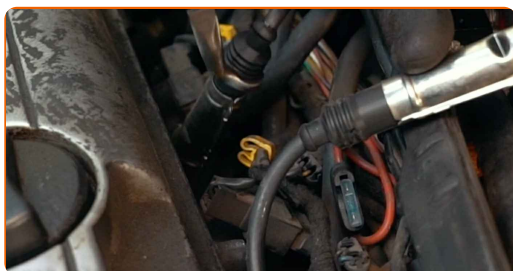
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Cover the throttle body with a microfibre towel to prevent dust and dirt from getting into the system.



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Disconnect the spark plug wires from the spark plugs. Use long nose pliers.

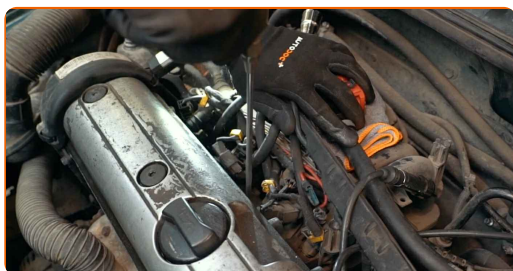


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- Be careful to avoid damaging spark plug wires.
- Remember the position of the spark plug wires.

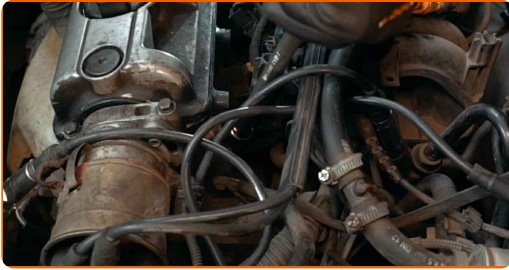
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Clean dirt, dust and debris from inside the spark plug wells.



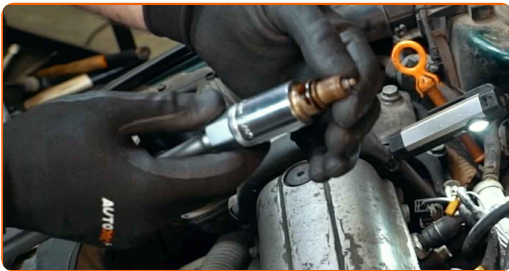
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Unscrew the spark plugs. Use the spark plug socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench.



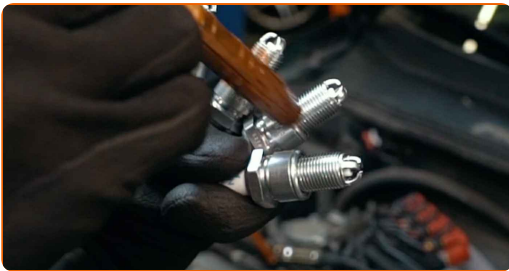
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Take out the spark plugs.



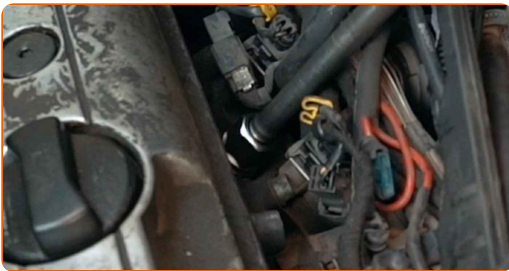
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Apply a thin layer of a special high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the threads of the new spark plugs.

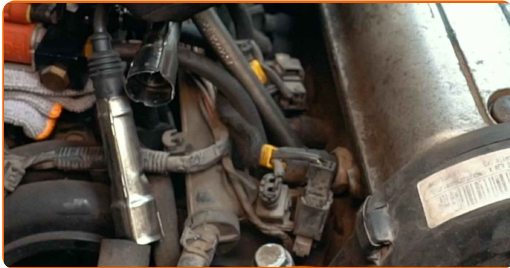


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Install the new spark plugs into their mounting seats.



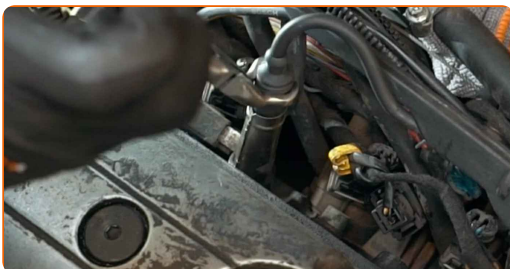
- 12 Screw new spark plugs and tighten them. Use the spark plug socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 25 nm torque.



Replacement: spark plugs – VW Passat Variant (33B). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Don't tighten the plugs with excessive force. Exceeding tightening torque can damage the thread connection.
- Be careful when working with a spark plug wrench. Its skewing can cause damage to the threaded connection.

- 13 Connect the spark plug wires to the spark plugs. Make sure you hear a click indicating that it is locked in place. Use long nose pliers.

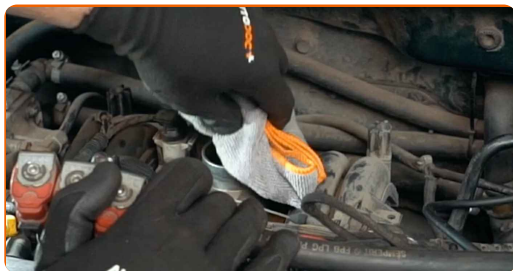


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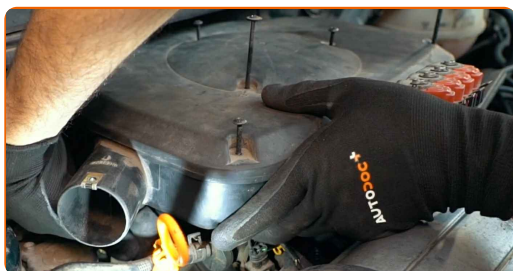
- Follow the installation sequence.



- 14 Remove the microfibre towel from the throttle body.



- 15 Install the air filter housing and fasten it. Use a Phillips screwdriver.



- 16 Run the engine for a few minutes. This is necessary in order to make sure that the component operates properly.



- 17 Shut off the engine.

- 18 Remove the fender protection cover.

- 19 Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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